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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

William P. Brown et al.

Application No.: 09/657,258

Filed: September 7, 2000

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
IMPLEMENTING SHARED DISK
ARRAY MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

Art Unit: 2184

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-38 and add new claims 39-65 as follows:

- 1 --39. (NEW) A controller device for use in a data storage network having one
2 or more redundancy groups; the controller device comprising:
3 a first array management function (AMF) that provides access to a first
4 redundancy group in the data storage network; and